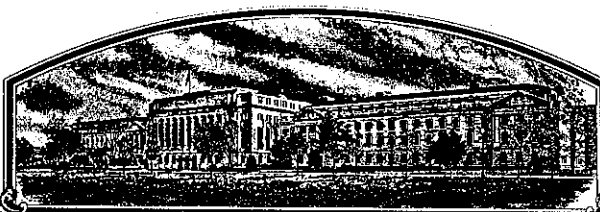


No.

8900212



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Northrup King Co.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE
Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *eighteen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'S20-26'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of the Plant
Variety Protection Office to be affixed
at the City of Washington, D. C.
this 29th day of March in
the year of our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and ninety-one.

Attest

Kenneth H. Evans

Commissioner

Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Ed Madigan
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

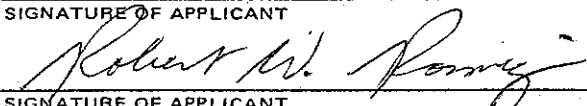
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Northrup King Co.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION X8821, W303272		3. VARIETY NAME S20-26	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440		5. PHONE (Include area code) 612-593-7333		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 8900212	
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max		7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		FILING DATE May 15, 1989 TIME 2:00 <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.M.	
8. KIND NAME Soybean		9. DATE OF DETERMINATION January, 1987		FEES RECEIVED AMOUNT FOR FILING \$ 1800.00 + 350.- DATE May 15, 1989, May 22, 1989 AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE \$ 250.00 DATE March 4, 1991	
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation					
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware				12. DATE OF INCORPORATION 1976	
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS Robert W. Romig Northrup King Co. P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440 PHONE (Include area code): 612-593-7305					
14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B, Novelty Statement. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.) d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety. e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.					
15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Certified			
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT 				DATE May 11, 1989	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT				DATE	

EXHIBIT A

Origin and Breeding History of the Variety

- 1980-82 - The Northrup King soybean research group at Washington, Iowa made the cross 'B152' x 'HS235' and advanced the population to F₆. In October, 1982, we harvested 100 random plants and threshed them individually.
- 1983 - We grew each of the 100 plant selections in an F₇ progeny row. We selected one of these, numbered W303272, on the basis of agronomic appearance to be tested in a preliminary yield trial. This line was subsequently named S20-26.
- 1984-86 - We tested S20-26 in replicated yield trials at several Midwest U.S. and Southern Ontario locations and found it to yield well compared to other early Maturity Group II varieties. We identified and confirmed the descriptive characteristics purple flowers, grey pubescence, brown pods, yellow hilum, and dull seed coat luster. We tested S20-26 for reaction to iron-deficiency chlorosis on calcareous soil in Northwest Iowa and found it to be moderately resistant. We tested S20-26 for reaction to Races 2 and 3 of Phytophthora megasperma by inoculation of detached cotyledons and found it to be resistant.

In the winter of 1986-87 we initiated seed increase from 500 grams of carefully hand rogued seed. We removed all plants not conforming to the variety description by intensively roguing the increase block several times.

- 1987-88 - We continued to test S20-26 in advanced yield trials to confirm descriptive characteristics and performance. We verified the presence of the Rps 1-c gene for Phytophthora resistance. We grew Breeder Seed in 1987 from the increase grown the previous winter. We also grew 100 progeny rows to monitor within line variability and to produce Pedigree Seed. The Breeder Seed was rogued intensively several times to remove off-type plants assumed to be mixtures. The progeny rows were uniform.

We produced Foundation Seed of S20-26 in 1988. The Iowa Crop Improvement Association inspected the production fields and found them to meet the standards for Foundation Seed. The National Soybean Variety Review Board approved S20-26 for eligibility for Certification on December 8, 1988.

S20-26 is a stable and uniform soybean variety. The variety may contain up to 2% seed with hilum color other than yellow. In six years of testing and three cycles of seed increase, we have observed no other variants except for minor, environmentally induced variation normally encountered in a soybean variety.

We will maintain varietal purity by use of progeny rows as needed.

EXHIBIT B

Novelty Statement for the Variety

Soybean variety S20-26 is most similar to S23-03 and S23-12. It is also similar to Platte, KG 82 and CM 274. It can be differentiated from all of these varieties on the basis of reaction to inoculation with Race 3 of *Phytophthora megasperma*. S20-26 is resistant to Race 3 of *Phytophthora* while S23-03, S23-12, Platte, KG 82 and CM 274 are all susceptible.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

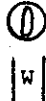
EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Northrup King Co.	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION X8821, W303272	VARIETY NAME S20-26
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) Northrup King Co. Attention: R. W. Romig P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 8900212

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

Compared to Corsoy 79 at 14.

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify) _____

May contain up to 2% other hilum color

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP^{1a}) 2 = Type B (SP^{1b})

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 21 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 21 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 21 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 5

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★

☐Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

★

☐ 1Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

★

☐Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

★

☐ 1Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

★

☐

Race 1

☐

Race 2

☐

Race 3

☐

Race 4

☐

Race 5

☐

Other (Specify)

☐Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)☐Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐Powdery Mildew (*Microspheera diffusa*)

★

☐ 1Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☒ 1 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
- ☒ 1 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- ☐ Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ ☒ 2 Race 1 ☒ 2 Race 2 ☒ 2 Race 3 ☒ 1 Race 4 ☒ 1 Race 5 ☒ 2 Race 6 ☒ 2 Race 7
- ☒ 2 Race 8 ☒ 2 Race 9 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☒ 1 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- ☐ Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ ☐ Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- ☐ Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ ☒ 1 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ ☒ 1 Race 1 ☒ 1 Race 2 ☒ 1 Race 3 ☒ 1 Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify) _____
- ☐ Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ ☐ Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ ☐ Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- ☐ Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- ☐ Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- ☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☒ 2 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
- ☐ Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

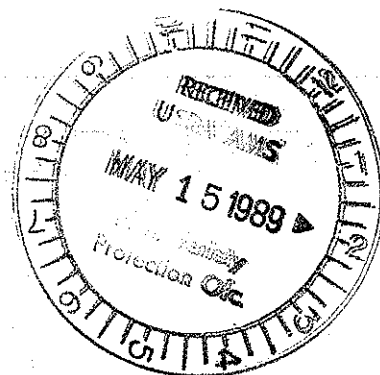
CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	B236	Seed Coat Luster	S23-12
Leaf Shape	Corsoy 79	Seed Size	Elgin
Leaf Color	B152	Seed Shape	Elgin
Leaf Size	S27-10	Seedling Pigmentation	S23-03

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted	120	2.1	88	6.2	10.7	38.8	20.8	15.8	2-3
Corsoy 79 Name of Similar Variety	121	3.0	98	5.5	9.6	38.8	21.6	13.5	2-3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

1. Caldwell, B.E., ed. 1973. Soybeans: Improvement, Production, and Uses. Amer. Soc. Agron. Monograph No. 16.
2. Buttery, B.R. and R.I. Buzzell. 1968. Peroxidase activity in seeds of soybean varieties. Crop Sci., 8: 722-725.
3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A₂ in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop Sci., 13: 420-421.
4. Payne, R.C. and L.F. Morris. 1976. Differentiation of soybean cultivars by seedling pigmentation patterns. J. Seed Technol. 1: 1-19.



8900212

EXHIBIT D

Additional Description of the Variety

Soybean variety S20-26 is an early Group II cultivar maturing one day earlier than Corsoy 79. It has normal tolerance to metribuzin herbicide. It exhibits long hypocotyl elongation when grown in 11 cm. of sand at 25° C for 14 days.

EXHIBIT E

Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership

Soybean variety S20-26 was developed by the Northrup King Co. soybean breeding staff from germplasm sources cited in Exhibit A of this application. Northrup King Co. believes that the variety is novel as defined in the Plant Variety Protection Act and, therefore, that Northrup King Co. is the sole owner of the variety.